



**Factsheet 3: Key Safe or Lock Box**

A key safe or lock box is a simple storage device which you can install on the exterior of your home, in order to keep your keys safe.

**How do Key Safes work?**

Your house keys are stored securely inside a metal box which is securely locked using a code. Access to your keys is only possible by entering the correct combination code on the front panel of the key safe.

The most common models are:



**Combination Locks** - This model has four scrolling wheels with numbers to form a combination



**Push-button locks**—Allow you to set a combination you can punch in any order.

**What are they used for?**

Family members, friends and carers who have been given the 4-digit code to a Key Safe can access the keys inside it, meaning they can enter the property easily and quickly in case of an emergency. External Key Safes are also ideal



for allowing access to the emergency services should access be required in the event that a person has fallen, or injured themselves, or is unwell and unable to answer the door. The code can easily be related to paramedics or ambulance service staff over the phone, saving valuable time in accessing the home.

### Where can I buy one?

Any locksmiths shop or many hardware shops such as Argos, Woodies and Colleran's locksmiths stock them.

### How are they installed?

They can be attached easily using a drill, no specialist equipment is needed.

**Age Action Care & Repair** are happy to assist in the installation should you need it. **Tel: 091 527831**

### How much do they cost?

Both models can be purchased for approx. €30 at several stores – it's worth shopping around for the best price!

### Any concerns?

- If possible, install your key safe out of line of easy sight for passers-by and in a position of good light to make it easier for the use
- Be sure to only give the code to those who need it and don't allow others to see the code when inputting it – especially if you live on a busy street